Testimony of Louisiana Representative Tony Perkins
Before the National Gambling Impact Study Commission

I. History of Legalized Gambling in Louisiana

A. The Louisiana Lottery Company

1. 1866 created by the Louisiana Legislature
2. 1890 outlawed by Congress
3. 1893 last drawing held in New Orleans

B. Horse Racing - 1902 state regulation instituted

C. Charitable Gambling - 1963 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature

D. Off Track Betting - 1987 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature

E. The Louisiana Lottery Corporation - 1990 Voters approve constitutional Amendment authorizing the Louisiana Lottery Corporation

F. Riverboat casinos - 1991 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature for 13 waterways

G. Video Poker Machines - 1991 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature for bars, restaurants and truck stops

H. Land Based Casino - 1992 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature for on casino in New Orleans

I. Creation of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board - 1996 the Legislature created a single board to regulation riverboats, video poker machines and the land based casino.

J. Local Option Election

1. Spring 1996 the Legislature approved a parish by parish vote on Existing forms of gambling
2. Fall 1996 30 parishes retain video poker, 34 parishes retain riverboats and New Orleans voters approve the land based casino

K. Slot Machines at horse racing facilities - 1997 Legislature approved local option election to allow slot machines at specific horse racing facilities

L. Internet Gambling - 1997 Louisiana become the first state to ban gambling businesses via the Internet

II. Legalized Gambling’s Political Influence

A. Federal probe(s)

B. Local Option Elections

C. State Budget
III. The Related Effects of Legalized Gambling
   A. Gambling Addiction
   B. Bankruptcy
   C. Reported and Unreported Crime

IV. Recommendations for Federal Action
   A. Indian Gambling
   B. Political contributions
   C. Internet Gambling